

## REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Preliminary Amendment is filed to cancel the claims in the International Application and replace them with new claims. The new claims are written for greater clarity, to rewrite independent claims as dependent claims, and to avoid alternative expression. In the International Application as filed, there were 24 total claims, and 20 independent claims. As of this Preliminary Amendment, there are 31 total claims and 1 independent claim. There are no multiple-dependent claims. No new matter has been added by this Preliminary Amendment.

In addition to the filing fee, the Director of Patents and Trademarks is also hereby authorized to charge a small-entity fee of \$275.00 to cover the cost of 11 additional claims over 20, and any deficiencies, to or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-2410, Order No. 31838-102.

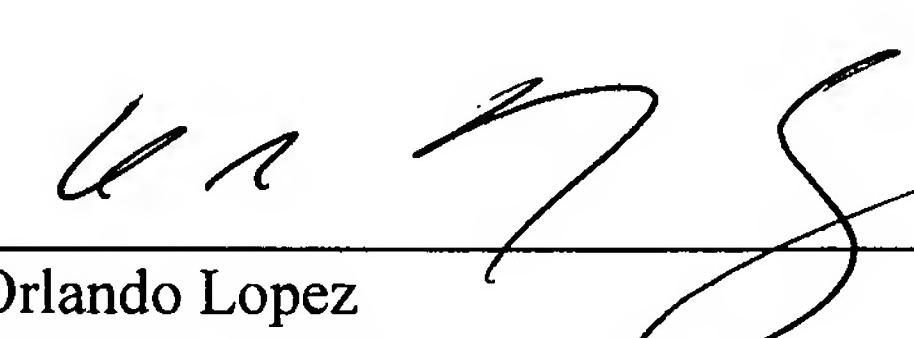
The following information is presented in the event that a call may be deemed desirable by the Examiner:

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Respectfully submitted  
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